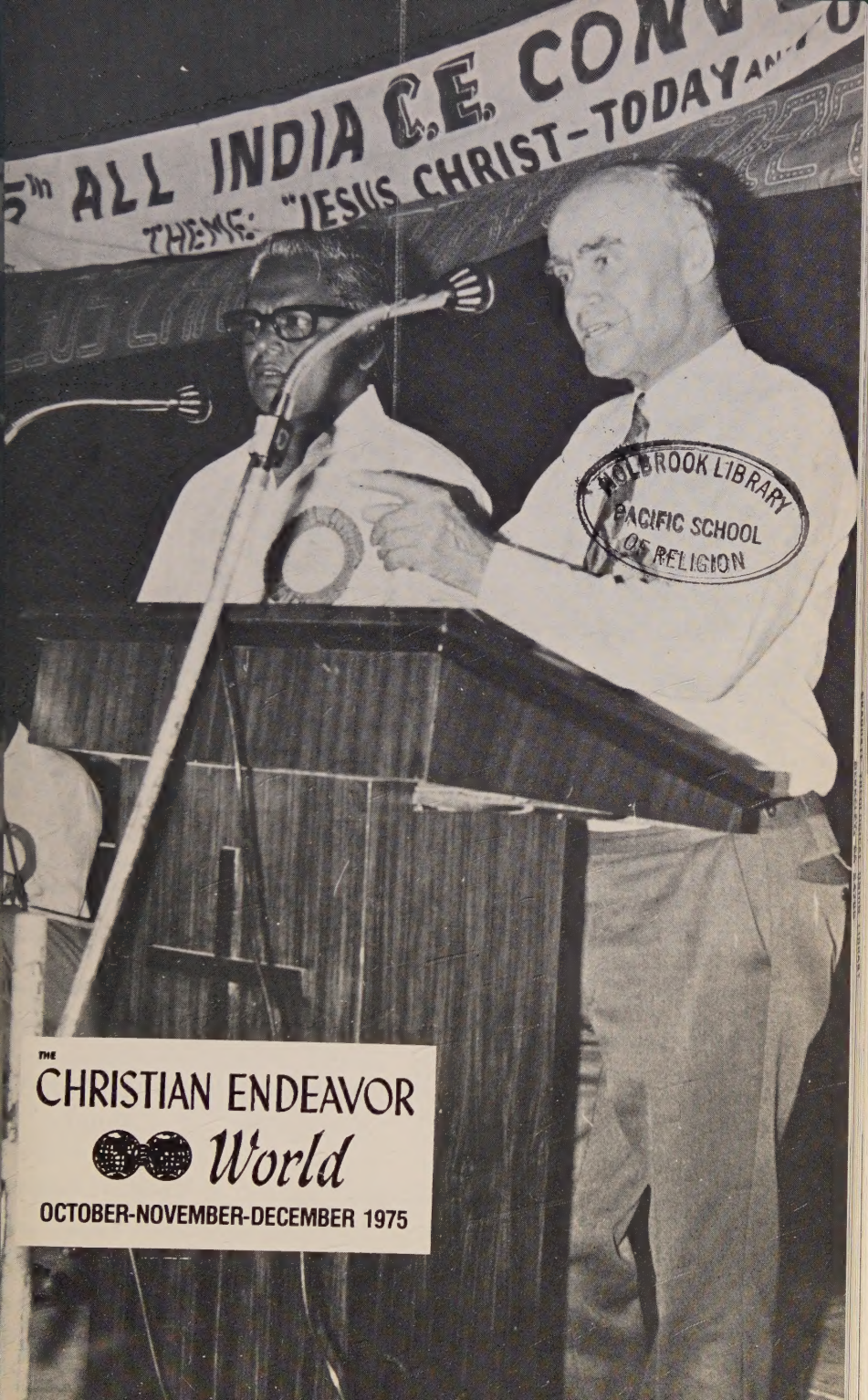

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Rev. Arno Pagel of Germany, World's Union president, was one of the main speakers at the India Convention at Madras October 11-14. He is shown here (right) with his interpreter as he speaks to convention delegates. His report is on pages 3-4.

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Be Strong in Christ!

In a review of Francis Russell's recent book about the Boston police force's strike in 1919, Naomi Bliven mentions the distress in Liverpool and Montreal when similar strikes occurred.

From this review: "There is a population in every big city that is restrained only by the presence of the police [since] all human beings can be dangerous animals."

The third chapter of Romans is alive with such information about humankind, not confining itself to big-city people (Romans 3:9,10,23). But in our personal struggle against all sins, whether or not forbidden by human law, we have as Comrade and Savior the One who promises, "All power is given to me in heaven and in earth" (Matthew 28:18). The "all who sin" is balanced and overcome by the great "whosoever" promises, I John 5:1 and Romans 10:13, and by Christ's own assurances, as in John 3:14-19 and Matthew 12:31.

With these convictions and in love and repentance, we rejoice and give witness in the spirit of the Christian Endeavor pledge.

–Bert H. Davis

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INDIA

By Rev. Arno Pagel, President World's Christian Endeavor Union

The All India Christian Endeavor Convention is held every three years at any convenient place of the vast and populous country. Madras in South India was the host city of this year, and the date was October 11-14. It was my great privilege to share the blessed fellowship of this great occasion with some hundreds of delegates from all over the country and some hundreds more flocking to the public meetings in the evening. The locality was the compound of a large Christian school, the pupils of which were absent for holidays.

It was thrilling for me to be introduced to a group of young men and ladies who had travelled for four days and four nights in rather inconvenient and over-crowded buses and trains till they arrived in the convention city. They undertook the tremendous strains and toils of this long journey (which are scarcely understandable to us spoiled people from the west) without any complaint. Their hearts were filled with the great desire once to leave their pagan neighborhood and to be encouraged in faith and service by the fellowship with so many other young Christians from other parts of their vast country.

We were meeting in Madras under the great theme of the Essen World's Convention: "Jesus Christ—Today and Forever." The convention was highly Bible-centered. I was thrilled again and again to see how the message of the Word of God was listened to with great attention and untiringly in devotional Bible study sessions and public meetings. In small groups testimony was given by the individuals how they had experienced the power and the truth of Christ in their daily life and in the service for the Kingdom.

More than 50 percent of those attending were students from various types of schools, but they did not bore each other by

SOME DELEGATES at the convention; first row (from left), Sister Lili, member of German group; Martha Damon, convention chairman; Rev. Arno Pagel; Rev. Ernest Stafford, outgoing India Union president; Bishop I. P. Andrews, convention speaker; and Rev. Titus Ebenezer, India Union vice-president.

talkative theoretical discussions. They really encouraged one another by witnessing how the Lord is acting in their personal sphere and in the life of their Christian Endeavor societies.

Music, choirs, and general singing had a big part in the program. Many well-known western hymns and tunes were heard, but it was much more effective when the delegates expressed by means of their own Indian culture and background how the message of the Gospel has taken root in their country and in their hearts. Again and again different groups from various Indian regions and languages wished spontaneously to share in the musical programs. Easily we could have had a four and more days convention only in praising the Lord by singing.

The blessed union of the convention sessions was followed by fellowship in food and meals. One night all the delegates were meeting for a splendid fellowship dinner with the speakers and the members of the convention committees. It was so nice to see how each one was given his portion of rice and curry on a large green banana leaf. No spoons and forks were needed; the fingers managed it all much more quickly and thoroughly. I frankly admit that I could not compete with my Indian brothers and sisters in the skill and speed they were cleaning their leaves. They were very polite and overlooked my western clumsiness.

It is good to have the Indian Endeavorers in the wide-world family of our movement. They need our prayers for their efforts to extend the Kingdom of Christ among the youth of their nation.

NEWLY-ELECTED India president, Rt. Rev. Henry Lazarus, poses with Arno Pagel and young Endeavorers. Both presidents are wearing their chain of office.

World President Visits Britain

The World's Union president, Rev. Arno Pagel, spent October 20-28 in Great Britain. He visited Ireland October 20-23, Scotland October 23-27, and concluded with two days in England.

In Dublin President Pagel was welcomed by the president of the Republic of Ireland and enjoyed a lunch at a State Reception, followed by a tea and a public rally where he was the speaker. In Belfast he was received by the Lord Mayor and the Archbishop of Armagh at a Civic Reception in the City Hall, followed by lunch and a tea. That evening there was a public rally in May Street Presbyterian Church with Irish Union President W. C. Wylie presiding and Mr. Pagel speaking.

Activities in Scotland included rallies at Torry United Free Church in Aberdeen and at St. Machan Church of Scotland in Larkhall. On Sunday he spoke to over 1,000 at St. Georges Tron Church in Glasgow and in the evening appeared at Carrubbers Close Mission in Edinburgh.

On October 27 Mr. Pagel journeyed to Old Jordan's Hostel near London for meetings of the World's Union Board of Trustees for two days before returning home to Germany.

Mr. Pagel has been invited to visit Wales at Easter in 1977 for the annual union convention and also to participate in the British Convention that May.

In both Ireland and Scotland, reports President Pagel, the work is on the move and God is blessing. Many young people in Scotland are joining Christian Endeavor now. He also states that this first visit to these two areas was encouraging and inspiring to him.

AT A WELCOMING TEA in Larkhall, the World's Union president poses with Scottish Endeavorers, (from left) Rev. James Murdoch, minister of Larkhall Baptist Church and vice-president, World's Union; Rev. Arno Pagel, holding his presidential chain; Jim MacNiven, Scottish president, wearing his chain of office; and George Campbell, general secretary.

TRUSTEES at entrance to Old Jordan's Hostel are (from left), Clyde Sherk, Dr. Albert Luka, Rev. Charles W. Barner, Wilfred Bird, Rev. James Murdoch, Arch J. McQuilkin, Rev. Konrad Brandt, Frances M. Becker, William J. Sharpe, Alan J. Ramsey, Rev. George E. Bowden, Rev. Colin G. Lewis, and Rev. Wilfred A. Agnew. Others present included Rev. Arno Pagel, Dr. Clyde W. Meadows, Sister Francine van der Meer, Harold E. Westerhoff, and the photographer, Phyllis I. Rike.

World Trustees Meet in England

The Board of Trustees of the World's Christian Endeavor Union met at Old Jordan's Hostel at Penn near Beaconsfield, England, October 27-29. Adjacent to the hostel is the Friends Meeting House where William Penn and his family worshipped.

A new international union in the Middle East was recognized; this group, which includes Egypt, Sudan, and Kuwait, is working to extend the movement into Iraq, Iran, and Saudi Arabia. Reports were received of groups in the Far East desiring to establish unions. Action was taken to send representatives to help establish work in Bangladesh.

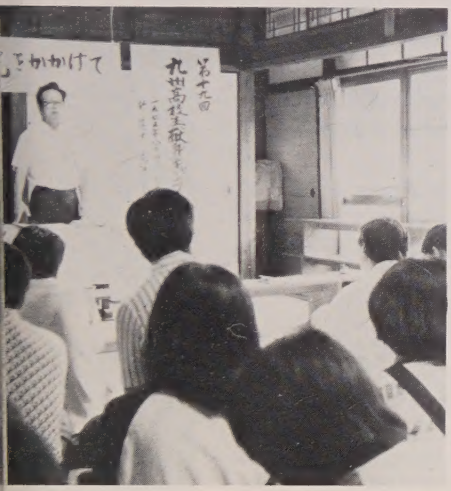
The Board reaffirmed its decision to hold the 18th World's Convention in India in 1978 and instructed General Secretary Charles Barner to go to India as soon as possible to assist Indian leaders in making local arrangements.

President Arno Pagel appointed the following committees: **1978 Nominating Committee**—Clyde Sherk, chairman, Rev. Wilfred A. Agnew, Frances M. Becker, Dr. Albert Luka, Rev. James Murdoch, Rev. Frederick J. Nile, Rev. Takashi Oku, Alan J. Ramsey, Rev. E. Stafford, and Sister Francine Van der Meer; **1978 Time and Place Committee**—William J. Sharpe, chairman, Dr. LaVerne H. Boss, and Rev. Konrad Brandt.

The next meeting of the Trustees will be in Guatemala City, Guatemala, July 21-22, 1976.

AREA II LEADERS at tea are (from left) Wilfred Bird, treasurer; Alan J. Ramsey, chairman; and William J. Sharpe, general secretary.

KANTO CAMP at Okutama, near Tokyo. Rev. Takashi Oku, fourth from right, front row, is Japan Union president.



SCENES AT KYUSHU CAMP near Fukuoka include a conference session (above) and a luncheon.

JAPAN

Major activity of the Japan Union is its summer camps. This year camps were held at Tohoku, Kyushu, Kansai, and Kanto. This was the first time for a camp in the Tohoku area. President Takashi Oku comments: "Surrounded by such beautiful and quiet landscapes as mountains, rivers, or lakes, and through well-prepared programs by talented and devoted staff members, all these camps went very meaningfully well. I could see such results right away when, at the end of each camp, the young participants made their decisions, some to become ministers and the rest to be good workers for Christ and the church."

During the camps offerings were taken for Nepal mission work and for a retired ministers home.

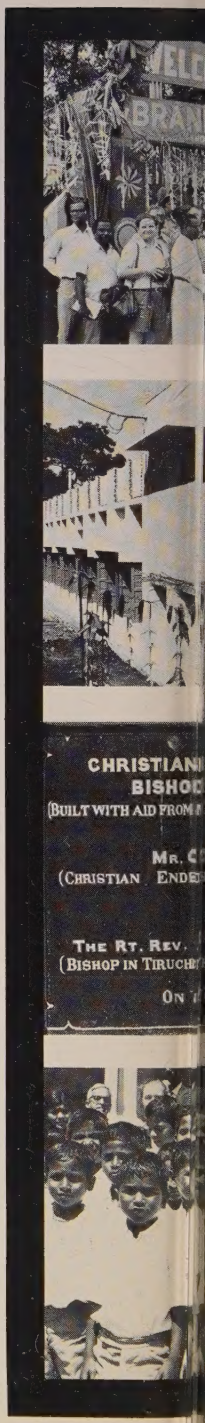
German Endeavorers Visit India

A group of 17 German Endeavorers, led by Rev. Konrad Brandt, visited India in October 1975. Their itinerary for sight-seeing and Christian fellowship included three major areas of the country—Delhi, Madras, and Bombay.

The tour group participated in the 15th All India Christian Endeavor Convention at Madras in South India October 11-14. Convention sessions included evening public meetings followed by dinner and family prayer; teas and coffee breaks; an early morning communion; prayer cells, devotional sessions, Bible study, and group discussion; testimony time; a procession of witness; and local sight-seeing.

The German Endeavorers were present October 15 for the opening of the new Christian Endeavor Hostel at Bishop Heber College, built with aid from Germany. It will house fifty students of poor Christian families being sponsored by German friends.

The group also visited Junnar, near Poona, where German Endeavorers support 74 boys at the Christian Endeavor Boy's Home. These boys would be beggars and might not even be alive without the help of Christians.



From West Germany to India

As a member of a Christian Endeavor group I came to India to know the country and the population, especially the Christians and my Indian godchild.

I enjoyed very much the cordial and lovely welcome the Christians gave to us wherever we came.

The climate and Indian way of life are very different from those in Germany. I felt to be put into another world, and when I returned to Germany I could not get on with conditions here.

I thankfully remember the various meetings with the Indian Christians, especially the participation in 15th All India Christian Endeavor Convention in Madras. All differences in language, nationality, and skin fell away, and we were all one in Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior. I mean we have seen a small part from what it says in Revelation 7:9a.

These great moments gave me strength enough to bear the many problems of distress, need, and hunger which I saw and which shocked me over and over. But I also saw and felt my responsibility.

Result of the journey: It was an unforgettable experience.

Elizabeth Prien

Dutch Leaders Visit German Democratic Republic

The initiative for this visit was taken during the World's Convention in Essen by Sister Francine van der Meer, secretary of the Dutch Christian Endeavor Union, the visit being made from June 28th to July 5, 1975.

In Rathenow they participated in a youth convention of the Gemeinschaft, and also visited the headquarters of the movement in Luckenwalde. Woltersdorf bei Erkner, the former headquarters of the German Union, (which is now an evangelical hospital) was found of great interest, as was also Wittenberg, renowned for its Luther connections. The visit was terminated by a viewing of the Deaconess Mother House in Elbingrode.

One cannot measure the encouragement this visit brought to our fellow Christians, separated physically from the movement in the West.

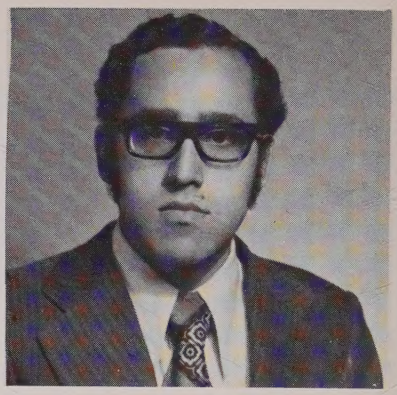
Christian Endeavor at "Eurofest 1975"

This Congress held in Brussels July 24-August 2 presented an opportunity to Christian Endeavor for an exhibition of the purpose and projects by way of propaganda material and excellent large scale photographs, the latter being supplied by the German Christian Endeavor Union of their work in India.

The exhibition stall was manned by Greet Gruweg and Dorien Peet of Holland, who during the week were able to explain Christian Endeavor, its aims and value , to enquirers of the thirty-one countries represented. Many contacts were made, but unfortunately the stock of literature was too soon exhausted.

The credit for the successful handling of this work must be given to the Dutch and German Christian Endeavor Unions.

GERMAN ENDEAVORERS IN INDIA—At Tiruchy, south of Madras, the group received a warm welcome (top photo). They participated in the opening of the Hostel at Bishop Heber College, built with aid from German Endeavorers (center photos). They also visited their Boy's Home at Junnar and met youth whom they are helping (bottom photo).



GUATEMALA ENDEAVORERS are pictured above with Rev. Thomas W. Gyori (left), fraternal youth worker with the Presbyterian Church in Guatemala. In the photo below a group enjoys volleyball. The president of the national union is Hugo Leonel Ramos Valdez (above right).

GUATEMALA '76

The 7th Area I Conference of the World's Christian Endeavor Union will be held in Guatemala City, Guatemala, July 22-25, 1976. Frances M. Becker of Philadelphia is chairman of the Program Committee.

Christian Endeavor leaders from many countries of the world will share in the conference leadership. Timothy J. Kribs, president of the International Society of North America, will deliver the keynote address and Rev. Arno Pagel, Germany, World's Union president, will present the closing challenge. Christian music from the Latin American culture will also be featured in the program.

Officers of the National Union of Christian Endeavor in Guatemala—Hugo Leonel Ramos Valdez, president, Edgar Isaac Ramirez Herrera, vice-president, and Silvia Canahui Calderon, secretary, are working with the district Christian Endeavor leaders in making local arrangements. The National Union is divided into six districts with a total of 92 societies and 1,180 members.

Most evening sessions will be held in Central Presbyterian Church near the

President's palace just off Parque Square in Guatemala City. Morning sessions will be conducted at Mt Sion Camp just outside the capital city overlooking a beautiful lake.

While most delegates will come from the Spanish-speaking countries of Guatemala and Mexico, others will come from North and South America and the Pacific area.

The International Society is conducting a tour from North America to Guatemala July 18-30 which will include the Area Conference. Contact Rev. Charles W. Barner, tour director, for full details.

Land of Eternal Spring

Two and one-half hours south of Miami by plane is Guatemala, the land of eternal spring. In the highlands of Sierra Madre, where Guatemala City is perched, the air is fresh and fragrant with flowers throughout the year with an average temperature in the mid-60's summer and winter.

This Central American country, the size of the state of Ohio, has unbelievable variety—smoking volcanoes; pristine lakes; mountain ranges with crisp cool highland air; fertile coastal planes with sunny warm climate and tropical breezes; bright colors of the native Indian costumes kept through the centuries since the Spanish conquest; and Mayan ruins, vestiges of a once highly civilized race, as well as examples of Spanish colonial architecture and decor dating back to the time when Spain was at its peak in world power. Color is rampant in the weaving, sky, and countryside with its luxuriant foliage and exotic flowers.

How Christian Endeavor Began in the Capital

By Alfredo de Leon, President, Veterans Society

It all began with the members of the Central Presbyterian Church in Guatemala. It was a small group, but all were full of faith and enthusiasm. The big day we all met was the 10th of February, 1924, and the meeting was at the Mission School, La Patria, in the afternoon.

Several young ladies from the city of Quezaltenango met with the youth of Guatemala City which obviously was a great help because of their experience in the Christian Endeavor Society recently founded there. We felt that it was a great idea to establish a society here in the capital in order to bring youth into the activities and organization which held Christ as supreme.

After a lengthy consideration of the new society we had a worship service, and then declared the beginning of the session to plan the next steps to form the society in Guatemala City. The pledge was read and each member promised to be active upon becoming a member.

The first meetings of the society gained the attention of other youth who also joined its membership, and enjoyed the fellowship and shared in the contributions towards its program. Together we shared the happy ideal of taking the message not only to the youth of the church, but to our friends who also had the opportunity to know what Christian youth believe and live.

As Veterans of Christian Endeavor in Guatemala City, our desire is to encourage the youth of today with the hope of helping them in their program and societies.

NEWS

SCHUYLKILL BRANCH 75th anniversary committee meeting to plan for a celebration Saturday, April 24, includes (from left) Ed Hild, John McClellan, chairman, Louis Klein, Bert Voltz, treasurer, Mark Robinson, Dick Rohrer, Paul Thiee, Jane Brubaker, Mildred Bahr, secretary, Sam Fortunato, Lorraine Schlimm, and Roxanne Schlimm. Frances M. Becker, World's Union vice-president, is also on the committee. Schuylkill Branch is part of the Philadelphia (Pennsylvania) Union.

Only Clark Was Younger!

Except for the founder, Francis E. Clark, the current president of the International Society is the youngest ever elected. Dr. Clark was 35 when he became president in 1887. At the time of his election last summer Timothy J. Kribs was 39.

Christian Sympathy

Friends are sorrowing with the family of *Mrs. Gerald L. Howard,* Washington, D.C., who died November 14. She had been ill since April, following major surgery. She was a past president of the Golden Rule Union and the Adult Society of Third Baptist Church.

WASHINGTON STATE faculty, staff, and conferees at the Leadership Training Conference at Camp McCulloch, August 17-22, posed for this photo by Delbert B. Dixon. The conference is the first in 15 years. Philip Assink is union president.

In October *Mary Manning,* also of Washington, D.C., passed away; she was a long-time Endeavorer of First Baptist Church, Georgetown.

Dwight M. Goodenough, executive advisor of the California Union and former president, was called home to be with the Lord August 15 following a truck accident. He had been active in the International Society. A memorial will promote California Christian Endeavor.

Word has been received that the president of the Guyana National Union, *Eric P. Callendar,* passed from life to eternity on October 31. Rev. E. B. Pollard, senior vice-president, is acting as president.

Anna Mae Tensen

Anna Mae Tensen, of Rochester, New York, had a good report for Christian Endeavor in the lives of the Intermediate Endeavorers under her leadership. Many now are leaders and officers of the church—parents of fine children, grateful to Anna Mae for the way she let God use her life "for Christ and the Church."

Her sister, Ruth Tensen DeWitte, has sent $500 in her memory for the Extension and Perpetuation Fund. The income from this fund goes for the extension and perpetuation of Christian Endeavor. Some years ago, Ruth visited the home of Mildred Bryan, wife of Christian Endeavor's beloved International President, in whose memory a special fund has been established. Mrs. Bryan continues as a living witness "For Christ and the Church."

Others wishing to give a living gift to this fund in memory of loved ones may direct it to: Merritt L. Smith, Secretary, 2948 Northampton St., N.W., Washington, D.C. 20015.

MUSIC PLAYED A BIG PART in the Southern Regional Conference October 24-26 at Montreat, North Carolina, with Dr. Clyde W. Meadows as song leader and a concert by the Melody Messengers. Mrs. G. Louise Pulsifer of Oregon led conferences for sponsors. Lynn M. McKnight of Tennessee was elected new chairman of the Southern Region; Alice C. Goodman, outgoing chairman, planned this year's event.

International Society Board Actions

The Board of Trustees of the International Society met in Columbus, Ohio, October 9-12. Mr. and Mrs. P. Raymond Bartholomew of Pennsylvania led one session on "Music that Clicks with Young People." Rev. Kenneth G. Prunty, Church of God, presented a six hour Care Lab to help Board members become more caring in their relationships with others.

Board actions included final approval of a new Christian Endeavor folder to be ready for distribution January 12, 1976; special emphasis to be placed on stewardship in 1976; continue to provide Resource Packets for society use three times a year without charge; conduct a 1977 Christian Youth Witness Program; give special impetus to the annual Christian Endeavor Week observance; and establishment of dates for 1976.

The 1976 Budget was adopted and plans were laid to cover a $12,000 projected shortage by receiving pledges from individuals and unions. An earlier action to hold the 1977 International Convention at Albright College in Reading, Pennsylvania, was reaffirmed and July 11-15, 1977, was established as the date for the convention.

The Centennial Committee met in conjunction with the Board of Trustees since the Board members are also members of the Centennial Committee. Other groups meeting in conjunction with the Board were the Educational Committee, 1977 International Convention Program Committee, Finance Committee, and the Youth Assembly.

The next meeting of the Board of Trustees will be October 7-10, 1976.

ELEANOR J. TOPE, who began employment at Christian Endeavor Headquarters November 13, 1950, received this silver candelabra in recognition of her 25th anniversary. The gift was presented by President Timothy J. Kribs. Mrs. Tope is assistant to the treasurer. She and her husband are charter members of the newly-organized Pickerington Christian Church, which meets in their home.

YOUTH TRUSTEES met during the October Board to discuss needs of Christian Endeavor. To help meet an anticipated 1976 deficit, they pledged to raise over $3,000 through youth memberships and special gifts. All trustees under 25 make up the Youth Assembly; Christopher Summerville, associate president, is chairman.

International Society President Timothy J. Kribs with his wife Lavonne and their three children — Vicky, high school freshman; Louise, sixth grader; and Mark, who is in third grade.

A Message from the President

Christ Makes the Difference

As we stand near the beginning of the 96th year of Christian Endeavor (February 2, 1976, will be the 95th birthday of Christian Endeavor), it is vital that we ask ourselves what it means that "Christ Makes the Difference" (our current biennial theme). What difference does He really make?

He makes the difference in our personal lives. We who are Christians don't act like the world. We seek to please Jesus, not ourselves or our appetites. We have real joy. Ours lasts. It is not momentary like the world's so-called "good time." We are different because of Jesus Christ. I just recently received three letters from longtime Endeavorers telling me of their continual joy and peace in Christ. Our lives are different.

Christ makes the difference in our lives together in the church. We know the source of our love: it comes from God. We love because He first loved us (I John 4:19). We seek to help one another. Christian Endeavor is leaders helping train more leaders. The unselfishness of Christ is our example. We recognize the church as the body of Christ and therefore are loyal. Everywhere I go I find leaders in the church who began their training as Christian leaders in Christian Endeavor.

Let us together continue to train Christian leaders. Our Resource Packets have been enthusiastically received and used for training. Several new denominations are using Christian Endeavor materials in their youth programs. But you and I together need to do even more and "trusting in the Lord Jesus Christ for strength," we can.

We are already looking toward our biennial convention July 11-15, 1977, in Reading, Pennsylvania. Mary Moffitt of Texas is serving as our program chairman. She has already met with the Program Committee and a great program is beginning to take shape. It will be even greater if you begin planning now to be with us there. Clair Beatty of Ohio is chairman of our Nominating Committee. It has met and is seeking any suggestions you care to send.

Christian Endeavor certainly continues to be worthy of our prayers and our financial support. May we together continue to spread the good news that "Christ Makes the Difference."

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Attend the Seventh Area I Conference of the World's Christian Endeavor Union in Guatemala City, Guatemala, July 22-25, 1976.

Visit GUATEMALA CITY, perched in the highlands of the Sierra Madre Mountains; ANTIGUA, once the capital of Spanish America; CHICHICASTENANGO — the Mayan Market held in "Chichi" is a colorful sight; LAKE ATITLAN, set in the cone of a gigantic volcano; and TIKAL, a remote Mayan archeological city and the largest Mayan city yet discovered and restored.

Send for the detailed day-by-day itinerary giving complete tour information.

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